

2 May 2013

Dear ProSPER.Net Member,

On behalf of Chulalongkorn University, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Prince of Songkla University (PSU) and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), ProSPER.Net Secretariat, we would like to invite your institution to participate in the 2013 ProSPER.Net Young Researchers' School, to be held at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand from 9 to 20 September 2013.

The theme of the 2013 school will be **'Partnerships in Water and Biodiversity for Sustainable Development'**. A tentative programme (Attachment 1) outlines the ways in which students will have an opportunity to learn more about policies, projects and partnerships in water and biodiversity and begin developing research responses to several challenges that affect a country like Thailand, many of them similarly impacting other countries in Asia.

The main goal of the YRS is to provide graduate students and young post-doctoral researchers with an opportunity to better understand the spectrum of challenges that underpin sustainable development. By assembling these young researchers together for an intensive 2-week workshop, the school also fosters the growth of a network of sustainability scholars and professionals in the Asia-Pacific region.

As happened in previous years, resources have been committed to provide support for selected young scholars, who will benefit from exposure to a wide range of expertise from post-docs to professors of the ProSPER.Net community. This will be delivered in the form of interactive seminars, assistance in working groups as well as broader mentoring. The budget includes funds for scholarships that will support full participation of 10-12 PhD students. Please invite PhD students who are working in the field of sustainable development to apply for the YRS Scholarship. We also encourage all members to consider supporting the participation of additional students. However, final decision will depend on availability for participation.

Please send applications from students and advice on your level of support by **15 June 2013** to: yrs@ias.unu.edu.

We look forward to receiving applications from prospective students.

With best regards,

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Attachments to this letter are:

1. Tentative Programme – 2013 ProSPER.Net Young Researchers' School
2. Scholarship Application form

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